

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-20-11

Issued at Yakutat, Tuesday, July 05, 2011

Effective 12:01 a.m.  
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,  
December 31, 2011, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the sport bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon on the Situk River to 6 per day and 12 in possession.

REGULATION: The provisions of **5 AAC 5 AAC 47.023 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.**(b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order.

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.**

5 AAC 47.023 (b)(8) is amended with the following language to read:

in the Lost River and Ahrnklin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahrnklin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of three fish and a possession limit of six fish, except that in the Situk River the bag limit is 6 sockeye salmon and the possession limit is 12 sockeye salmon.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian Marston  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

### JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal range for sockeye salmon on the Situk River is 30,000 to 70,000 fish. As of July third more than 30,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River Weir. Average run timing data for sockeye salmon on the Situk River indicates that more than 60% of the run is still to come, and the escapement goal range will be exceeded. Increasing the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits will increase harvest opportunity for sport anglers and will not put achievement of the escapement goal in jeopardy.

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